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At the May 4, 2000 meeting of the Missouri Ethics Commission, your request for an opinion was discussed. The following is the Commission's response to your question:

Is it a contribution to the candidate if the candidate raises money and participates in the selection of billboard sites and other medium to advertise a website enhancing his and other candidacies?

The Commission stated that if a candidate participates in the selection of billboard signs or other medium to advertise a website for that candidate, and the candidate has some design, control or influence concerning the website, such billboard expenditure advertising and website expenditure would be considered a contribution from the party to the candidate.

This opinion is provided solely for purposes of advice pursuant to the Commission's advisory opinion authority and not as part of an enforcement effort or action.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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